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Federal political action committees raised more and spent more than ever in the 1984 elections, according to their latest reports to the Federal Election Commission.

Despite mixed results at the voting booth, their contribution strategies showed a new sophistication — usually boosting embattled liberal incumbents and challengers who posed a serious threat to conservatives.

Fifteen PACs sponsored by federal and postal unions, managers organizations and retiree groups in 1984 raised \$5.7 million and spent \$5.4 million - nearly twice as much as in 1982 — on nearly 400 candidates.

Most of the money went to congressional contenders and 95 percent of that to Democrats

Walter Mondale's losing presidential bid cause attracted little support, except from the American Federation of Government Employees, which spent \$50,901 on his behalf - mostly during the primaries and the Democratic National Convention.

The National Association of Retired Federal Employees was again the top federal PAC fundraiser, with \$1,651,795 for the 1983-84 election cycle.

NARFE spent \$1,306,977. But the biggest spender was the

National Association of Letter Carriers, whose \$1,600,890 was three times its 1981-82 expenditure.

The American Postal Workers Union was third in fund raising and spending, followed by AFGE, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association and the National Treasury Employees Union.

Together these top six PACs spent nearly \$5 million about double their 1981-82 total.

"We feel we did well," said NARFE legislative director Judy Park, despite the group's increased aid to challengers, who normally face tougher odds than incumbents.

Of the candidates NARFE backed, 72 percent wound up in the 99th Congress, Park said.

"We tried to target close races," she added, "particularly where there were incumbent members being severely challenged and who had been active on our behalf.

AFGE followed a similar strategy, including support for promising newcomers, according to PAC director Betsy Reid. It relied on the AFL-CIO for up-to-date information on tight contests and candidates' needs, she said.

Unlike most PAC operations, the union also featured "grass-roots" membership involvement such as get-out-thevote drives, Reid said.

AFGE's Legislative Action Fund provided \$50,000 for this purpose. But that was only a small share of the union's total spending on these indirect contributions, which targeted selected congressional campaigns as well as the Mondale-Ferraro effort

Reid said a figure on the union's total indirect expenditures was not available.

The major federal PACs focused their giving on cliffhangers in the Senate, where Democrats scored a net gain of two seats, and in the House, where Republicans picked up 14 seats.

Among the candidates, the major beneficiaries were Tom Harkin, D-lowa, and Paul Simon, D-III. — two House members who defeated Senate Republican incumbents — who received \$64,030 and \$60,150, respectively. Not far behind were unsuccessful challengers Lloyd Doggett, D-Texas, and James Hunt, D-N.C., with \$53,950 and \$53,450.

More than 40 House Democrats received \$15,000 or more. Leaders of the Post Office and Civil Service Committee did well as usual, led by chairman William Ford, D-Mich., with \$51,840.

But late in the campaign, the major PACs channeled substantial funds to 15 liberal incumbents facing tough chal-

Federal PAC Performance

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AFCC	769,960	717,408	448,741	445,003
	549,166	581,418	518,358	
Rural Carriers	446,229	422,277	325,128	498,396
NTEU	313,057	315,330	232,271	211,337
NAPUS	179,519	135,578		241,738
League of	139,792	67,377	126,352	110,280
Postmasters	.07,772	67,377	14,790	61,56
NFFE	105,364	109,624	65,641	70,376
Postal Supervisors	69,539	68,782	50,878	49,415
Alliance	37,523	00		,
FMA*		29,111	13,792	27,128
NAGE	24,442	20,212	N.A.	N.A.
Mail Handlers	23,919	19,130	16,359	21,817
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*Organized in January 1983.	5,667,491 \$	5,402,815 \$	3,555,936 \$2	,871,354
Source: Federal Election Co	mmission		ederal Times/	Senn Saud

Of these, eight were re-elected by margins of five percent or less: Frederick Boucher, D-Va., Robert Carr, D-Mich., Bob Edgar, D-Pa., Jim Jones, D-Okla., Peter Kostmayer, D-Pa., Robert Mrazek, D-N.Y., Bruce Morrison, D-Conn., and Jim Olin, D-Va.

Six were defeated: Donald Albosta, D-Mich., Robin Britt, D-N.C., James McNulty, D-

Ariz., Joseph Minish, D-N.J., Jerry Patterson, D-Calif., and William Ratchford, D-Conn.

And the race of Frank Mc-Closkey, D-Ind., against Republican Richard McIntyre remains in recount and will be decided by the House Administration Committee.

Conservative Democrats

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who were defeated in Texas and North Carolina got little help from the federal groups. Veteran representatives Clarence Long, D-Md., and Elliott Levitas, D-Ga., and Sen. Walter Huddleston, D-Ky., were upset unexpectedly and thus received relatively modest support.

Several liberal challengers also received generous federal PAC contributions.

in House races, these included Robert Clark, D-Miss., Richard Saslaw, D-Va., and Jane Wells-Schooley, D-Pa. But only Richard Stallings, D-Idaho, won, defeating conservative George Hansen.

Backed by modest federal PAC contributions, Barton Gordon, D-Tenn., easily won the open seat of Albert Gore, who was elected to the Senate. As the son of a retired Veterans Administration employee and AFGE member, Barton received the union's enthusiastic backing. Reid said.

In the Senate, substantial help was available to former Rep. Norman D'Amours, D-N.H., Minnesota secretary of state Joan Growe and Misr sippi governor William W.

Rockefeller squeaked by against an underfinanced Republican.

Giving patterns varied among federal PACs, but only slightly. NARFE and managers' groups tended to give more to Republicans.

Nevertheless, only Senate civil service subcommittee chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, took in a respectable sum -\$28,500.

Rep. Frank Wolf, a northern Virginia Republican who has often defended federal employees on bread-and-butter issues, received only \$1350.

Meanwhile federal groups. including some who contributed to Wolf, contributed \$15,600 to his Democratic challenger, John Flannery. Wolf still won by a 2-1 margin.

Democrats opposing conservative Republicans often received "token amounts" from NARFE "to send a message to the incumbent," Park said.

Similar nominal sums went to influential House Democrats like Speaker Thomas O'Neill, majority leader Jim Wright and Government Operations Committee chairman Jack Brooks.

As compared to the 1981-82 cycle, most federal PACs en-

ing.

In 1983-84, the National League of Postmasters showed the greatest gain - to \$139,792, up from \$14,790.

The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees nearly tripled its fund raising, to \$37,523.

Other healthy gainers were the National Association of Postmasters of the U.S. and the National Federation of Federal Employees. The National Association of Postal Supervisors and the National Association of Government Employees posted modest growth.

Only the National Association of Air Traffic Specialists saw a decline, to \$7233 from \$12,469.

A new PAC was born, sponsored by the Federal Managers Association. It raised \$11,051, but spent just \$2135.

Another PAC, run by the defunct Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization, went out of business in January 1984 after raising nothing and spending \$14,650. In 1981-82, PATCO raised and spent about \$75,000.

The Mail Handlers Union raised \$8445, compared to nothing in the last election. But it spent just \$402.

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